

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Lower South Platte - Wildlife

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Lower South Platte - Wildlife		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the project address invasive or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does the applicant use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last five years and includes the same resource concern and practices that are currently applying for?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance; or c. Applicant has never participated in EQIP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the project address Riparian or Wetland habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Northern Leopard Frog, Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse, Greenback Cutthroat Trout, Boreal Toad, Bald Eagle, Moose, Migratory Waterfowl, Rio Grande Turkey, Warm & Cold Water Fish, White-Tailed Deer, Shore Birds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

2. Does the project address Shortgrass Prairie habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Burrowing Owl, Swift Fox, Mountain Plover, Ferruginous Hawk, Pronghorn Antelope?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project address Mid-grass Prairie habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Plains Sharp Tail Grouse, Elk, Pheasant, Mule Deer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project address Mountain Shrub habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse, Greater Sage Grouse, Plains Sharp Tail Grouse, Elk, Merriam's Turkey, Mule Deer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project address Dry Cropland habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native, or economically important species: Plains Sharp Tail Grouse, Pheasant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Do the planned practices address limiting factors for target species? [If yes, list target species and proposed practice(s)]. Species specific practices are found in Biology Tech Notes. If species is not in tech notes 1) for Riparian Areas - improve factors from the Proper Functioning Condition rating (refer to Process for Assessing Proper Functioning Condition TR 1737-9 1993, BLM) or 2) for Wetland Areas - improve the overall score from CO-WET (CO Amendment 190 GM 410.26).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Are other specific habitat enhancement, maintenance, or restoration projects within 1/4 mile of the proposed project? (If yes, identify and label on an attached map)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Are any of the following conservation buffers planned to provide eduring benefits for soil, water, air, water, and/or wildlife resource concerns: Contour Buffer Strips (332), Cross Wind Trap Strips (589C), Field Border (386), Filter Strip (393), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)? (circle applicable buffers and note on map)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

NRCS Designated Conservationist: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Required for Contract Development: Signature Date:
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